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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" These posts require a special kind of training. The suggestion of the hon. Member can be considered when we recruit afresh. Now there is no recruitment."

Minor Irrigation Schemes under Five-Year Plan.

* 405 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Minor Irrigation Schemes that have been taken up for execution under (i) the Five-Year Plan and (ii) under the revised Second Five-Year Plan in the State; and

(*b*) the number of minor irrigation works that have yet to be taken up for execution under the above plans?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) Evidently, the hon. Member refers to the First Five-Year Plan which has been revised in so far as it relates to the *present* Madras State. The number of works taken up during the years 1951–52, 1952–53 and 1953–54 in the areas comprised in the present Madras State is as follows:—

(This is in addition to the ordinary work of maintenance undertaken by Collectors at an average cost of about Rs. 30 lakhs a year.)

Agency.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	
			Pro-grammed.	*Taken up to end of January 1954.*
Superintending Engineer (Food Production).	506	133	572	349
Chief Engineer (Irrigation) ..	246	..	..	115
Total ..	742	133	572	464

No new schemes were undertaken by the State Government during 1952–53, consequent on the decision of the Government of India, not to sanction subsidy for new works. But some schemes were taken up by the Superintending Engineer (Food Production) before this decision was given effect to.

" (*b*) The Special Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has programmed to take up 108 new schemes in 1954–55, besides continuing about 100 schemes in progress. The programme of works to be taken up by the Superintending Engineer (Food Production) in 1954–55 is under preparation. The programme for 1955–56 will be settled in due course. The actual execution will depend upon a number of factors such as investigation (both preliminary and detailed) on the technical and revenue side, preparation of plans and estimates, according of sanction to each estimate taking into account the food-yielding capacity, etc., of the schemes. The total provision made in the Five-Year Plan of the present Madras State for Tank

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Improvement and small irrigation schemes is Rs. 330 lakhs, of which about one-half would have been spent by the end of this year (1953–54). The provision made in the Budget for 1954–55 is Rs. 94 lakhs.''

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இந்த திட்டம் நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் மேற்கொண்டு புதிதாக வரி போடுவார்களா ? மத்திய சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது ஒரு பகுதியை ஒதுக்கி வைக்க முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of proposing fresh taxation for a particular purpose. The overall position of the Budget is taken into consideration. That alone is the criterion whenever any proposal for fresh taxation is taken up. Apart from that, I have already stated that we have provided Rs. 94 lakhs for 1954–55.''

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" I understand the Government are likely to give up a number of schemes in South Kanara, on the plea that returns are not adequate. May I request the Government to see that special consideration is given to the district in the matter of irrigation schemes so that it might continue to be self-supporting in spite of the growth in population? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall take into consideration the suggestion made by the hon. Member."

Gazetted Officers belonging to Scheduled Castes in the Industries Department.

* 406 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of Gazetted Officers in the Industries Department who belong to the Scheduled Castes and the names of the posts held by them?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There are two Gazetted Officers in the Industries Department who belong to the Scheduled Castes. One holds the post of Personal Assistant to the Principal, School of Arts and Crafts, Madras and the other the post of Footwear Assistant, Institute of Leather Technology, Madras.''

SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" May I know whether the service of that Personal Assistant has been regularised in the Industries Department? If not, whether the Hon. Minister for Industries be pleased to state the reasons for it? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put.''

Centres under the National Extension Scheme in North Arcot.

* 407 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of centres under the National Extension Scheme opened in North Arcot district;